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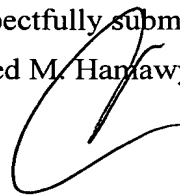
**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Submitted herewith is a substitute specification which should replace the entire specification, claims and appended four pages of sequence listing as filed. The undersigned attorney for Applicant asserts that it is identical to the specification executed by the inventor and submitted with the declaration, except in the following respects:

1. Stray markings (primarily at the right and bottom edges) coming from the faxing process have been removed.
2. The lines are now line numbered at intervals of five in the substitute specification.
3. The sequence listing at the end of the document is now separately numbered with Roman numerals, consistent with the preferred PTO practice.
4. The change made in pen, and initialed by the inventor at paragraph [0020] has now been implemented in a formal way in the draft.

Respectfully submitted,  
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